

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 15 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is to correct errors that occurred in the translation of the application from the Japanese language to the English language and to replace the drawings due to minor reference numeral changes and to delete unnecessary lines due to a printer malfunction. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Masaki TAGOME et al.

June 30, 2004
(Date)

By:

Martin G. Belisario, Reg. No. 52,225 for
MARTIN G. BELISARIO

Registration No. 32,886

AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street - Suite 2200

Philadelphia, PA 19103-7086

Telephone: (215) 965-1303

Direct Dial: (215) 965-1268

Facsimile: (215) 965-1210

E-Mail: mbelisario@akingump.com

MGB/srn
Enclosures